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**MOTHER'S DAY**

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# EDITORIALS

By W. T. PURKISER

## **Christian Motherhood**

Mother's Day is often made a time for lyric sentimentalism. It should be a time for realistic appraisal. In no sense would I suggest that less honor be given to good mothers. They deserve all that may be said about them and done for them—and more.

But it must not be forgotten that motherhood is more than biological. It is a moral and spiritual relationship, and demands moral and spiritual qualities for its true fulfillment.

It was infinite wisdom which provided for family and home. The principle that a man should leave his parents and cleave to his wife, Jesus said, goes back to "the beginning" (Matthew 19:4-9). This means the setting up of a family relationship in the security of which children may spend the early years of their lives.

It is during those early years that the long task is begun of passing on the ideals and heritage of the centuries. Through the influence of the home first, then church and school, the child becomes heir to the experience and learning of the past. Here is another difference between man and the animals. Each generation in the animal kingdom begins its life pretty much where its forebears did. But each human generation begins life a little farther down the road—either for better or for worse—than its immediate parents.

Whatever works to defeat and destroy the home

is of the devil. The tragic results of homes broken by selfishness, lust, infidelity, and divorce are all too well known. The human unit is really not the individual, but the family, and a "house divided" is a breeding place for unhappiness and sin.

Christianity, like charity, begins at home. It is a well-known fact that the meeting places of the Early Church were the homes of believers. The "church in the home" was more than a slogan; it was a fact. And household Christianity is no less important now than it was nineteen centuries ago. Church or school can never take the place of home in the lives of growing children.

And Mother's place in the home is of supreme importance, for hers are the earliest influences in the lives of the children. Some of the qualities of true motherhood may be found in the lives of women who are not Christians. But all of the qualities of true motherhood are strengthened and enriched by devotion to Christ and His way.

This is true, for example, of the human love for which mothers are so rightly noted. The love of God in the heart of a mother will deepen and extend the natural affection for husband and children which she normally feels. Christ adds a "plus" to every right relationship in life.

The mother who starts her strenuous day in the presence of her own Heavenly Father and His holy Word, who shows her children the meaning of love's selflessness and fairness as well as tells them about it, who draws poise and peace from the presence of the sanctifying Spirit within her soul, may never be voted Mrs. America or the "Mother of the Year," but she will make a contribution to her church and her community which can be measured only in eternity.

No one else can take the place of a mother in the life of a growing child. Certainly the baby sitter or nursery school attendant cannot adequately fill Mother's role. That grim necessity may sometimes force a mother to turn her responsibilities over to others while she goes out to work cannot be denied. But if the mother's work is dictated by desire for some of the luxuries and status symbols of a modern day, then these things are bought at too great a cost.

A mother certainly may influence her children consciously and intentionally. But even more lasting and effective are the unconscious influences that spring from attitudes and the values by which the mother lives. Faith, devotion to God, consistently putting "first things first," concern for

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### **The MOTHER'S HYMN**

*Lord, who ordainst for mankind  
Benignant toils and tender cares,  
We thank Thee for the ties that bind  
The mother to the child she bears.*

*We thank Thee for the hopes that rise  
Within her heart, as, day by day,  
The dawning soul, from those young eyes,  
Looks with a clearer, steadier ray.*

*All-Gracious! grant to those who bear  
A mother's charge, the strength and light  
To guide the feet that own their care  
In ways of Love and Truth and Right.*

—William Cullen Bryant





# STEWARDESS of the Home

THAT SMILING STEWARDESS is among the important members of the crew on board the aircraft. Mechanics have pronounced the plane

airworthy. The control tower has signaled the take-off. The man in the cockpit determines the course, altitude, and speed and he maneuvers the all-important landing. But it is the stewardess who lifts the morale of the passengers. She creates atmosphere.

Mother, you are the stewardess of your home. You cannot justly bear all the responsibility for a successful family life. But for the spirit and atmosphere of the household your contribution is the greatest.

You are the health officer for the family. You make and enforce the rules of hygiene and sanitation. You are the manager of the linen closet and the wardrobe. You see that what is needed is ready for use. You, the overseer of the culinary department, order the groceries according to the budget, plan, cook, and serve the meals. You strive to please and sometimes fail. If you succeed, you may not hear about it; if you do not, you probably will. You plead for good manners and try to lift the tone of table talk with varying degrees of success. At least the family knows you care.

Mother, Stewardess, you are the *keeper of the peace*. Probably you have more to distract and aggravate you than anyone. Nevertheless, the thoughtlessness and petulance of the others are to be overlooked. Your poise and sense of humor preserve the peace and if it is disturbed, like Jesus, you say, "My peace I give unto you."

You are the *bearer of burdens* for all the family. Your husband will come

from work worried that there is either too much or too little. Your children will come from school frustrated because teachers are stupid, grades unfair, assignments too long, or the game was lost. Regardless of the trials of your day they will expect you to pull them out of their slough of despondency.

Whether you know literature, history, algebra, or Latin you are the *teacher* of life's great lessons. The teen-agers will seem not to learn, but someday you will discover they comprehended more than you knew. Maybe in life or in heaven they will confess their debt to the greatest teacher they ever had.

Mother, you are the family *counselor* on subjects of finance, social practice, and moral and spiritual ideals. If they listen, you will keep them from pitfalls. If they will not, you will pull them up

General  
Superintendent  
Williamson



and pray them through to try again. You keep the Bible open and read it daily and live it moment by moment. At last its truth will reach the resentful, immature, cluttered, preoccupied minds. Your prayers will be answered, and your faith rewarded.

There will be days when all that your loving thoughts and hands have done will be taken for granted. All your faults and failures may be noted. But the better day will come when kind words of gratitude will burst forth in a torrent of praise. Till then keep the climate favorable on the longest, most hazardous flight of all.

## LATE NEWS

### Telegram . . .

Nashville, Tennessee—*Two new churches organized on the Tennessee District in the last month; one in Tusculum Hills, Nashville. Two-acre plot purchased as building site. Rev. Dennis Mangrum appointed pastor. Second church organized at Springhill, Tennessee; Rev. Franklin Stephens appointed pastor. Both churches start with substantial membership and prospects for strong growth are good. C. E. Shumake, District Superintendent.*

Rev. Robert G. Nielson, pastor, sends word, "Rev. J. E. Moore, Sr., has joined the staff at First Church in Dallas, Texas, as associate pastor in charge of visitation."

After serving the church in Kutztown, Pennsylvania, for three years, Rev. Karl W. Retter has resigned to accept a unanimous call to the pastorate of the church in Livermore Falls, Maine.

### An Ideal Mother

MANY PEOPLE TODAY are looking for the ideal. One of life's greatest blessings would be to have an ideal mother. Permit me to suggest some qualities that are to be found in such a mother.

First, she must be a Christian. She must have a vital contact with Christ. It must be a personal relationship with Him. She may not have much else, but she must have Christ.

Second, she must love her children. No heartache so great or no sorrow so deep but is helped by the spirit of love.

Third, she must be kind. No unkind word ever will come from her lips. She must think evil of no one. There must always be that radiant smile that comes from a kind heart.

Fourth, she must be a praying mother. She will pray for her children. Her constant prayer will be, "O God, save my children." She will be in contact with her Lord at all times.

Fifth, she must be faithful to her God and the church. Serving God will be a delight to her. Her God and her church take first place in her life.

Sixth, she will bring her children to Jesus. Her one aim in life is to have her children accept Christ and live for Him. She is thrilled when she knows that her children are walking in the will of God.

This was the kind of mother I had. She was an "ideal mother." Jesus took her to be with Him, and by His grace

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I will meet her in heaven.—*DELBERT F. WISE, Pastor, Owen Sound, Ontario, Canada.*

### Weep Not for Me!

"I feel sorry for you." Those words were lingering in my ear as I left the home that day. I had just made a pastoral call and the lady of the house had told me how she felt sorry for me, a preacher, and the way some people of the church will treat the minister. She went on to say she could no longer feel fellowship with those at the church, and so would worship the Lord at home.

As I left, my heart turned to Jesus. I remembered how the wicked church of His day led Him to Calvary. His words to the women as they wept were, "Weep not for me, but weep for yourselves" (Luke 23:28). It seemed Jesus was saying: "Weep not for me; I am in the Father's will. If I suffer and die, that is secondary—the most important thing is, I am in my Father's will. I settled that in Gethsemane. Weep for yourselves. Are you just now

in the Father's will?"

I am glad that I, too, settled it one day. Should persecution come from without the church, or from within—weep not for me, for today I am in the Father's will. Weep for yourselves, all ye who are out of His will.—*MARK E. MOORE, Van Wert, Ohio.*

### BEYOND THE GOLDEN SUNSET

By F. W. DAVIS

*Beyond the golden sunset—*

*Wherein our future lies,*

*Where love shall reign forever,*

*And no one ever dies—*

*No heartaches even enter,*

*All pain forever past.*

*We'll be with Christ, our Saviour,*

*When we get home at last!*

*Beyond the golden sunset,*

*No shadows ever come,*

*And there will be no burdens*

*In that eternal home!*

*Cheer up then, Christian pilgrim;*

*Keep pressing toward the goal*

*That lies beyond life's sunset—*

*Sweet haven of the soul!*

# "HOLD IT UP to the LIGHT"



By KATHRYN BLACKBURN PECK

WHEN I was a little girl, one of the interesting parts of my day was getting Papa off to the office. Watching him strop his razor was one part of the routine which always held my undivided attention. He tested its sharpness by holding up a single hair and giving it a quick slash. The blade was not sharp enough until it would sever the hair at one stroke.

I knew that Papa's razor must be the sharpest instrument on earth, and I watched him shave with a tissue in one of my hands and a stytic pencil in the other—just in case his hand should slip. But I watched wordlessly, lest I make him nervous—wondering how he could stop that blade in time to avoid cutting nicks in his heavy black mustache.

But getting his collar on—there was the project! And that was where I came in.

Papa's collars were starched to the stiffness of cardboard, and getting one of the slippery things attached to the equally stiff collar band by means of those queer little hinged buttons required patience and dexterity. Papa was not overly blessed with either. He was a big man, and it seemed to me that his collars were always too small, for he invariably turned slightly purple as he struggled to get one adjusted properly.

Collar buttons had a way of flying out of Papa's fingers, and my job was to watch and see which way they flew, and retrieve them if possible. I always hoped they would roll under the bed or dresser instead of down the furnace register, where they would certainly be lost forever.

Because of this "ordcal by collar" Papa tried to wear the same one two days if possible. I can see him yet, considering yesterday's shirt, hopefully scrutinizing the still-attached collar; then, not quite daring to trust his own judgment, he would go to the head of the stairs and call, "Mamie! Do you think I could get by with this collar again today?"

And from the regions below would come Mother's calm reply—always the same: "*Hold it up to*

*the light, Charlie. If it's doubtful—it's dirty!*" With a resigned sigh, Papa would reach for another collar.

And all the years since then, Mother's homely words have remained in the storehouse of memory to confront me from time to time with their stark and straight-laced truth—if a thing cannot stand the light it must be doubtful—better leave it alone.

I don't believe Mother's vocabulary held such vague expressions as: Perhaps no one will notice; Maybe we can get by with it just this once; Well, it doesn't exactly harmonize with our beliefs, but other good people do it, so it can't be too important; It may be shading the truth a bit, but . . .

"There is no such thing as a white lie, Kathryn," she told me. "All lies are an abomination unto the Lord—the Bible says so!" (How I cringed from that word—*abomination!* To this day I feel there are few things deserving of such scathing denouncement—among them mice, snakes, a few of the more loathsome insects, and of course, willful sins of the darkest type.)

To Mother sin was never a soft gray, but a black and ugly thing to be avoided at all costs. Nor was righteousness a shadowy mauve, but white as the snow and bright as the noonday sun. *Narrow! Smug! Intolerant! Self-righteous!* do you say?

Well—no one ever loved a fallen girl or a wayward boy with gentler compassion, or willingly spent more hours in tearful intercession for a soul who had lost the way. No one could have been freer from a censorious, critical, gossiping tongue or a holier-than-thou attitude. Mother simply and very quietly practiced what she preached.

I think she held up to the pure white light of God's Word and the Holy Spirit's leading all things pertaining to life and godliness, and there examined them to the best of her understanding. If they stood the test, well and good. If there was doubt, that thing was to be let alone.

On the day when the undertaker said, "She is ready. You may see her now," my father and I stood side by side looking down into Mother's face for a long time. Words were hard to find. Papa's big hand enclosed my own, comfortingly, and our tears fell in that quiet little room.

Finally I whispered aching, "If only I could be more like her! My little children need such a mother!"

And Papa replied quite irrelevantly (I thought), with the hint of a twinkle showing through his tears, "Remember what she always told me about my collars—'Hold it up to the light—if it's doubtful, it's dirty'? Maybe that could help you when you aren't sure what to do about other things, too."

I have remembered, precious parents. And it has helped!



# THE FAMILY



# PLAYING TOGETHER

By KEN ANDERSON

YOU'VE HEARD IT SAID, "The family that prays together stays together." From rather disheartening observation at times, however, my wife and I have come to the conclusion that the family that "prays" together may yet go shipwreck unless that family also "plays" together.

If this sounds like the watered-down philosophy of a too modern evangelical, hold steady for a few paragraphs. And if you are also a parent, take brief inventory of your own family activities and the results of them.

We have seven children. The oldest is newly married. The next oldest is in college. One is in high school and two are in junior high. My namesake is a second grader; our youngest, a girl of four. So while we make no pretense of knowing all there is to be known about the do and do not aspects of Christian parenthood, we have learned lessons which may prove relevant to some of the less initiated.

If any one rule for being a successful mother and father has emerged from the trial and error of our family life, it is this: to win your children you must make them feel you are the most wonderful people in all the world. Discipline, of course. But give discipline meaning because it comes from two people who give legs to love, and heart to happiness.

We have fallen far short of the ideals which hindsight now gives to us. But we thank God for the evidences just the same of mixing fun with faith to lead little minds out of the wonder-world of childhood into the reality of a Christ-centered life.

Both my wife and I have taken note since our own childhoods of Christian homes which have succeeded, spiritually speaking, and Christian homes which have failed. Without exception we have found that children go astray from homes where the solemn truths of the Bible are pro-

claimed as dynamic law, but where the parents, however sincere, fail to add that warmth of genuineness which must be *seen* for the Christian faith to ring real in a child's calculating mind.

There is not time here to speak of negativism,

except to say that any parent is on dangerous ground if the things he says, "No," to are not out-balanced by the things to which he says, "Yes." But I do want to emphasize that, in my opinion, successful Christian parenthood involves identification with the child in all the details and delights of life.

*From earliest childhood* we have found time to fill each day with at least a few moments of family frolic: long hikes through the woods which surround our house, picnics along some nearby waterway, parlor games, and a family fun night, whenever my hectic schedule would allow. Out of these bright threads we have interwoven the more somber strands of family responsibility.

The result? One by one—and to God be all the glory!—we have seen our children come to the Lord and identify themselves as positive Christians.

Call it coincidental if you must, but I add that not one of these children made profession of faith in a public evangelistic meeting. Each met the Saviour either at my wife's knee or at my own.

We have traveled thousands of miles together, on a budget that did not so much as permit the renting of a lake-side cabin for a week. Instead, thanks to the American procedure of so much down and so much a month, we bought an inexpensive tent. With it we've camped in the mountains, at Niagara, out in the desert, and alongside Grand Canyon.

Some of our most memorable occasions in family devotions have come out in the fresh breath of nature, a Christian family enjoying together those profuse magnificences the Lord has provided, but which so few take time to enjoy.

One morning, for example, a giant sequoia formed the background for, "But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ," as we told our children, "It gives the Lord much pleasure to create one of these great trees, but not nearly so much pleasure as when He sees the building of a beautiful Christian life."

*Even in family worship* we have tried to intersperse the aspect of play. Instead of reading the Bible without comment, we relate it to the natural

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events of childhood, and of the rapidly passing year: the excitement of a ball game, the fun you can have at a friend's house, or when he comes to yours, whatever event of the day casts any shade of meaning upon the portion being read. For, again and again, the introductory light touch would gain and hold attention for the deeper meanings which might otherwise be missed.

Sometimes, frankly, we have wondered if our emphasis on taking the happiness approach might be overdone. Like the time, for example, when one of our boys exclaimed: "You don't seem like our parents sometimes! You're just like one of us!"

But there was also the day when another of our children, in a solemn moment, said, "You sure feel sorry for kids who don't have a family like ours. No wonder they can't understand why us kids are all Christians."

Draw your own conclusions. Rest assured, too, that our family life has not been spared its share of blemishes. But do be wise enough to face, as we have faced, the fact that a long, long bridge spans the gap between childhood and you. Only as you reach across this bridge to your children

# The Family Altar

*Home is a sacred dwelling place  
Where prayers arise to bless.  
Contented heart and smiling face  
Reveal a family's happiness.*

*Home is a place where children kneel  
To find the Heavenly Father's way;  
Where God His perfect plans reveals,  
And peace and trust fulfill each day.*

*Home is a place of safe retreat  
When at the family firesides  
Prayer warms each heart as members meet—  
A sacred place where God abides.*

**By JACK M. SCHARN**

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can you lead them safely across.

My wife and I believe you undergird your children when you pray. You lead them in moments of serious counsel, of course, but you give meaning to that counsel, and to your prayers, when you take time to play.

## HOME AND FAMILY LIFE FEATURE:

# AN OPEN LETTER to the Parents of My Teen-age Class Members

**By DORIS SCHUMANN**

*Dear mothers and dads of these wonderful teen-agers:*

For several weeks now I've been wanting to sit down and have a heart-to-heart chat with you, and with each passing Sunday this desire has intensified. What a challenge and responsibility is ours—working with teen-agers! We're in this business together you know, you and I. God has entrusted us with the rare privilege of shaping and molding the lives of these grand young people. May neither of us fail to use our very best abilities in working at this high and noble task.

It actually began some months ago, this growing concern of mine. One of you mothers came to me, worried because your fine, good-looking son was not sure he wanted to keep coming to Sunday school. He was confused and mixed up. He had even talked of investigating another religion, Mohammedanism perhaps. You were upset and I remember your telling him that you sincerely believed our church was "the nearest to the Bible" of any church you knew. So, with your guidance at home and my putting forth a special effort to

maintain his interest in the class, we succeeded in keeping him. He comes quite faithfully now and is very courteous and co-operative. But what about you, Mother? Where have you been on Sunday mornings of late? I've noticed that your husband has been bringing the children. What will be the outcome of all of this?

Then there was the vivacious teen-age girl who stayed after class not long ago. She was heart-broken over her home situation. She just had to talk to someone, so I sat down and listened. She had a good cry, and between sobs she unraveled a pent-up story about the tension that existed between her mother and daddy. They bickered and quarreled so much that she spent most of the time with her grandparents. She said she honestly believed that her folks hated her. Her mother used to be an organist in a church, but didn't attend at all now. Neither did her father. Oh, how she wished that things would straighten out at home and they could all get back to church together! I knew the girl had appeared to be maladjusted at times. That morning I began to understand why



Another Sunday I detected something was wrong between a boy and his girl friend. And, sure enough, the session had no sooner ended than the serious-minded young fellow asked if he might talk to me in confidence for a few moments. He was from an unchurched home and had begun coming to my class only as a result of dating this girl. Her parents, members of our church, had been permitting—even encouraging—her to engage in some activities and associate with some people that he felt were indiscreet. He was disappointed in his girl friend's parents and wondered if I would talk to them. Think of it! A boy without a Christian background questioning the good judgment of his sweetheart's mother and father, who were members of the church. He is earnestly looking for the Christian way of life. I only hope and pray he finds it.

I could go on relating other such incidents, but I will mention only one more, having to do with another girl—the quiet, almost timid type. She has little or no encouragement from her parents as far as church is concerned. Her people seem to think she is rather odd because of her faith and convictions. They have told her that religion is “all in the head.” It is just something that she has dreamed up. But she keeps coming. Many times she has waited for me after class, asking if she might sit with me in church. “I hate to sit alone,” she says, or, “I wish my mother were here to sit with me!” I realize this bewildered teen-ager has leaned on me almost to an abnormal degree, but she needs someone. “Oh, I couldn't talk to my mother!” she exclaimed to me the other day. And so I wonder, Will this girl survive in this spiritual endeavor—alone?

Parents, I wish you could just peek into my class-

room some Sunday morning. You would see a group of eager, restless, searching, pliable promising human beings. One of them belongs to you, your very own gift from heaven, a son or daughter. How blessed you are!

But teen-age is a difficult period in life. Remember? These youngsters are trying to find themselves, groping around, yearning for something that will satisfy. They are very impressionable. They still have their ideals, their heroes, their examples—whether fancied or real. They are not finished products. Their destinies are at stake. Where do they go from here?

Yes, too many of the problems my teen friends are sharing with me have to do with home situations and lack of parental understanding and interest. Most of them are not asking for things that money can buy. They're asking for the love and warmth and security of a Christian home. And, mothers and fathers, you can't afford not to give it to them. Give your children a Christian heritage and you've given them the greatest treasure in life.

There is no conceivable way to estimate the potential that is wrapped up in this Sunday school class of mine. My supreme purpose is to introduce them to the Master Teacher and to try to instill within them His teachings and His practices. From this hour forward I shall promise to strive a little harder to achieve this goal.

And what about you, parents? Will you rise to the challenge? Shall we join hands and hearts together as we work at this vital undertaking? We can do it—with God's help. Your sons and daughters are counting on you and me. We must not fail them.

*Most sincerely,*

A SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER

## GOD GAVE US MOTHERS

**By OVELLA S. SHAFER**

*God gave us mothers who were kind,  
They comforted—yet made us mind;  
They taught us Bible facts—and  
truth.*

*With joy we now recall our youth.*

*God gave us mothers with fond hope,  
Whose dreams for us of world-wide  
scope*

*Were anchored in parental love;  
Their help was from the hills above!*

*God gave us mothers who were dear.  
They mended hearts—spoke words of  
cheer*

*And warned lest feet should go  
astray.*

*Our mothers walked the holy way!*

*I've worshiped—knelt in cherished  
places;*

*I've bowed where stained-glass inter-  
laces;*

*But God's best comfort came to me—  
When kneeling at my mother's knee!*



**“As one whom his mother comforteth, so will I comfort you” (Isaiah 66:13).**

By W. M. LYNCH

Pastor, Oak Avenue Church, Duncan, Oklahoma

# CHRISTIANS OF 3 GENERATIONS

***When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also (II Timothy 1:5).***

HERE is unifying faith that is unerring, unyielding, unfailing, and unfeigned.

In Lois there was *expectation*: Christ to her! She had faith that He would come. Little is known of this grandmother, since her name appears nowhere else in the New Testament. It might be supposed that her age permitted her to be in that early group that waited for the Messiah, the Promised One.

Whether she saw Him in His youth, heard Him in His manhood, or knew Him in His death on the Cross, we know not. Yet she had faith that He would come. And He did! It was probably while Paul preached that Jesus came to her heart.

As in our time, so then, Christ came in peace to a troubled heart, assurance to an expectant soul, salvation to a sinful life. Lois had rewarding faith when in humble dedication she took Jesus as her Saviour.

In Eunice there was *revelation*: Christ for her! She had faith that He had come. It was revealed to her in the testimony of Lois, relayed to her in the preaching of Paul, conveyed to her by her conscience. Many external forces contributed to her salvation: a sainted mother, a spiritual church, a sincere preacher. Innumerable internal forces moved her to spiritual life: a knowledge of sin, a sense of guilt, a feeling of doom and despair. It reached its climax when God pardoned every transgression.

How far her perimeter reached we do not know, but we do know where it started! It had its origin in the home where a son found fellowship. He was nourished by spiritual truth, led by faultless faith, treated with godly care. A second-generation Christian was bestowing upon her child the blessings of her inheritance: *a Christlike home*. Eunice had restoring faith when in personal acceptance she believed upon Jesus as her Saviour.

In Timothy there was *evangelization*: Christ through him! He was provoked by an unfeigned

faith that Christ would return. What an inheritance—divine faith! What an instructor—the Apostle Paul! What an imperative—evangelization! His commission was not easy. It was a commission to endurance, a command to study, a compulsion to instruct, a constraint to continue, a call to preach.

From youthful ambition and zeal to matured courage and valor Timothy pursued the Christian

## Mother's Prayers

*Once when the dusk was blue and fair  
I heard my mother's voice in prayer.*

*Her phrases were adagio-sweet,  
As twilight winds on prairie wheat.  
She spoke my name and suddenly  
Within the temple-heart of me*

*My faith became a shoreless light,  
A peace and wonder, shining-bright.  
What glory! Mother's prayers can lead  
A heart to altar rails of God!*

By GRACE V. WATKINS

course. His pastoral ministry, evangelistic fervor, and missionary exploits all centered in one cause—the evangelization of the world. He stood in the shadow of Paul the apostle, but in that shadow he found sin-sick souls without hope and in despair. He found spiritual degenerates floundering in doubts and confusion. He found unholy hearts that hungered for peace and joy.

*He found the souls that knew no way;  
They caused his heart to yearn and pray.  
From darkness to the shining light,  
He lifts them from their sinful plight  
And gives to them a Christian day.*

Timothy had reviving faith as he presented Christ in evangelization.

To this generation of Nazarenes, the call is to evangelize with faith for the early return of the Son of God.

# WAR, DISTRESS OF NATIONS ... and THE PRINCE OF PEACE

By Evangelist E. E. WORDSWORTH

JESUS plainly told us of the tragic calamities that would come upon the inhabitants of this world. Hear Him: "And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet" (Matthew 24:6).

According to a recent study of history the Canadian Army *Journal* reveals the following fantastic figures concerning man's evil, depraved, warlike nature: "Since 3600 B.C., the world has known only 292 years of peace. During this same period there have been 14,531 wars, large and small, in which three (3) billion and 640 million people have been killed. The value of the destruction would pay for a golden belt around the world about 100 miles wide and 33 feet thick! Since 650 B.C., there have been 1,656 arms races, only 16 of which ended not in war! The remainder have terminated in the economic collapse of the countries concerned."

Since the world cast out the Lord Jesus Christ, the "Prince of Peace," by crucifying Him on an "Old Rugged Cross" almost two thousand years ago, there has not been one single year without a war somewhere, history affirms. In fact, in the last 500 years England has engaged in 78 wars; France, 71 wars; the Netherlands, 23; Spain, 64; Austria, 52; Germany, 23; Italy, 25; China, 11; Denmark, 20; Sweden, 26; Poland, 30; Russia, 61; Turkey, 43, and Japan, 9. European nations alone engaged in 74 wars during the lifetime of the first generation born in the twentieth century. Even America in its short history has had 13 wars. And so "man's inhumanity to man" continues to shed human blood.

And today as I write, we seem to be on the very verge of war. The next event may be a colossal struggle for existence. Who can tell? The threat of annihilation hangs over us like a dark cloud. The earliest atomic bomb was a crude and primitive type in comparison to the present hydrogen and cobalt bombs. The first killed 150,000 men, women, and children in one explosion. But today we have stockpiles of bombs far more deadly and devastating. Khrushchev boasts that Russia has sufficient bombs, and bombers to deliver them, to wipe out of existence the Western nations and send them to oblivion. Of America he has said,

"We will bury you."

Truly, this is the day of "distress of nations." Hear the words of Christ again: "And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and *upon the earth* distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming *on the earth*: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken" (Luke 21:25-26). How descriptive of the world today! *Distress of nations, with perplexity!* The word "distress" in the original means literally "to be pressed on all sides." And the word "perplexity"—*aporía*—means "no way out."

Can you conceive of a more complete statement about our day and time than is here set forth? The pressures are on from all sides; one crisis follows another. Diplomats and statesmen are in a frenzy of perplexity. One day it is the Congo, then the Middle East, then Laos, Cuba, South America, the Berlin crisis, and back to Israel and the Arabs, not to forget Lebanon and Tibet, and many other areas of trouble of very recent years. The "cold" war gets hotter and hotter with sudden shifts to new places of aggressive warfare. Horrible fear grips us daily. A Satan-inspired dictator, with hellish madness, could drop missiles to set the world aflame.

But a great coming event is on the divine agenda, praise God, when the Prince of Peace returns. In that glorious day the words of the Psalmist will become a comforting reality, "He maketh wars to cease unto the end of the earth" (Psalms 46:9). "And they shall beat their swords [instruments of war and destruction] in plowshares [instruments of agriculture for preserving mankind,] and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more" (Isaiah 2:4).

The day hastens on when "of the increase of his [Christ's] government *and peace* there shall be no end" (Isaiah 9:7). What a glorious day it will be when "the desire of all nations shall come"! With John on the Isle of Patmos we would pray, "Even so, come, Lord Jesus" (Revelation 22:20).

This estranged, wicked, fallen world needs the reign of Christ, the King of Kings, the Lord of Lords. And the Revelator said, "Blessed and holy



# Concerning the National Council of Churches

BECAUSE inquiries are received from time to time by various departments and executives of our church concerning our relation to the National Council of Churches, the Board of General Superintendents issues the following statement:

The Church of the Nazarene is not a member of the National Council of Churches and does not support its program financially. We have never been a member of this organization. We know of no plans that are being considered or promoted among us to join this Council. In fact, such a move could not be made without the vote of the General Assembly.

From our earliest years we have endeavored to take our place in the family of Protestant denominations. For example, we have co-operated with the International Council of Religious Education in using their curriculum and scripture lesson plans even from the days of Dr. P. F. Bresce, when Dr. E. F. Walker was writing our lesson exposition and comments. In subsequent years we have enjoyed complete freedom in the use and adaptation of this curriculum. We have actually changed certain lessons or topics at times or inserted a new series of lessons (like the series on holiness) when desired, all in harmony with the policies of the interdenominational group. Historically, this group began its operation and services nearly one hundred years before the organization of the National Council of Churches.

Similarly, we have co-operated with the United Stewardship Council for mutual benefit for nearly forty years. Our own former general secretary, Rev. E. J. Fleming, was one of the founders of this organization. In later years, several departments and auxiliaries of the church have purchased services and helps from various interdenominational organizations or boards and have usually paid only nominal fees for the helps received. Frequently these services can be adequately provided only by the interdenominational board that affords us the service. Also, at the present writing, five or six of our sister holiness denominations are associated with one or more of these co-operative groups, even as we. In most instances, the groups that have served us eventually became associated administratively with the National Council of Churches. However, this has not involved us in membership or financial obligation with the parent organization.

Through all the years no interdenominational board with which we have co-operated has ever attempted to direct our policies or change our doctrinal position. We have kept our witness clear to the message of holiness and to the high ethical standards of God's Word. We would despise no man who honors Jesus Christ as Lord and God, and we would be true to our God-given mission with sincerity, faith, and love.

—Board of General Superintendents

is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years" (Revelation 20:6). This verse clearly states that the "blessed and holy" shall "reign with him." Satan is now "the god of this world," but some glad day Christ shall reign from pole to pole and from sea to sea:

*Jesus shall reign where'er the sun  
Does his successive journeys run;  
His kingdom spread from shore to shore,  
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.*

Furthermore, let us not be distracted by world events. Our first quotation from the lips of the Master was, "See that ye be not troubled." Don't get jittery and frustrated and shaken amidst world confusion, strife, war, fear, and calamitous events. "God is still on the throne." Psalms 23 is still in your Bible, and thousands of divine promises are yours.

Christ said, "And when these things begin to

come to pass, then *look up*, and *lift up your heads*: for your redemption draweth nigh" (Luke 21:28). "Look up . . . lift up your heads." Don't look down your nose, nor engage in looking too much horizontally—looking out on world conditions. No! "*Look up . . . lift up*," is the command of Jesus. Look vertically. Gaze right into heaven. See Jesus, redemption, "the restitution of all things," the coming Kingdom. Look up! The Prince of Peace is near!

When General Douglas MacArthur left the Philippines during World War II, he promised to return. He went to Australia, and from there commanded the Pacific warfare until the close of the war. Then one day he kept his promise; he did return amidst hilarious welcome and military honors. And Jesus said, "I will come again" (John 11:3).

Let us trust Him until His glorious second advent. Hail that glad day! Until then, "Let the peace of God rule [garrison] in your hearts, . . . and be ye thankful" (Colossians 3:15).

## GOOD CITIZENSHIP Is Built on the Foundation of

# Love

By **KENDALL S. WHITE**

Wellington, Texas

EACH CHILD OF GOD must express his love in relationships and service. No one can be right with God and intentionally wrong his fellow man. We cannot render service to God while we willfully neglect the needs of man.

How can we be ethical with God when we are unethical with men? A sincere prayer of the Master was that His followers might be one, and as a result He was not ashamed to call them brethren.

Where there is love it is never difficult to have unity and action. Can one who has a full heart of love for God be loveless toward his fellow men? The hope of the world is in the gospel as presented by Jesus Christ. Here is a salvation for all men, salvation from all sin, through the merits of Jesus. No other offers a solution that can be depended upon. Everywhere are confusion and unrest, and the world of men seems to be heart-broken. We are having many and high-sounding offers as to the solutions for our plight.

Just a little while ago I heard the educators say, "Education is entirely adequate for our ills. Give us money, institutions, ample facilities for research and we will do three things for you. First, education will forever end war. Second, education will abolish crime. Third, education will annihilate poverty." And what was asked was given. What are the results today?

We are seeing right now more preparation made for war than we saw before World War I. We have more crime now than we have ever had in the history of the world. And we are told that more poverty is in evidence now than we can imagine.

Has education failed completely? No! It has failed to make good its promise on these three things. Why? The answer is simple: there is no solution to the social problems and the problems

one must meet in building a good life without the gospel and the love of Christ. Civilization must look to God and the Bible for its permanency.

Perhaps a good place to say it is right here: We need a revival of faith in God and the dignity of man, of respect for law, and a God-consciousness in society. These seem to be the essentials of an abiding social order. The love of God in the heart makes for happiness, and brings peace on earth and good will to all men. This we need in the home, the school, the shop, and the everyday life. And it would do no harm to have these in the church. Love is powerful. It can save in the severest storms, and in the blowing of the winds of opposition.

Three young men were caught far offshore in a small boat while a storm was raging. The boat overturned, and the three held on in the freezing waters. Finally, the two younger ones gave up and sank. The third young man was rescued. Upon being asked how he could hold out so long, he replied, "When my blood would chill and I would think of letting go, I would think of my wife and a sweet little boy who were saying, 'Don't go, Daddy.' Then my blood would warm, and I could not let go." Love won!

## EDITORIALS

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spiritual values—these qualities need not be advertised. They leave their mark indelibly in the lives of the children. One of the proverbs of God's ancient people expressed this: "As is the mother, so is her daughter" (Ezekiel 16:41).

So let Mother's Day, 1962, be a time for paying honor to true motherhood. And let it also be a time for weighing the influences of our homes in the lives of our children. Here we are builders for the future and for eternity.

### Editorial Note . . .

The editor would like to call attention to the announcement on page 19 of this issue of the *Herald*. So enthusiastic was the response and so valuable were the results of the last Church Musicians' Institute, held at Indian Lake in July of 1959, that two are being planned for this summer. The locations are Wollaston, Massachusetts, June 6-8, and Seattle, Washington, August 29-31. Each institute is jointly sponsored by the Church Music Commission, the Nazarene Publishing House, and the zone college.

When God loves, He seeks nothing else but to be loved in return, for He knows that those who love Him will find, in that love, the perfection of all joy.—Bernard of Clairvaux.

# THE CHURCH AT WORK

## EVANGELISM

EDWARD LAWLOR, *Secretary*

### Did Your Family Read the Scriptures and Pray together as a family TODAY?

Reports such as the following reaching the Department of Evangelism indicate that the family altar emphasis is leading to revival:

"One church reports a revival has broken out through this emphasis, and with no evangelist, backsliders are coming back to God, families being restored, services being interrupted with shouts of saints. This in a church of over 225 members. Praise the Lord . . . and we believe the end is not yet."

**7 Reasons for a Family Altar**  
District Superintendent Otto Stucki, in the South Carolina District paper, writes:

"1. It will sweeten home life and enrich home relationship as nothing else can do.

"2. It will hold our boys and girls to the Christian ideal and determine their lasting welfare.

"3. It will give strength to meet bravely our disappointments and adversities as they come.

"4. It will hallow our friendship with our guests in the home.

"5. It will reinforce the influence and work of the church, the church school, and agencies helping to establish the Christian ideal throughout the world.

"6. It will encourage other homes to make a place for Christ and the church.

"7. It will honor our Father above and express our gratitude for His mercy and blessing."

#### I Can't . . .

"Oh, I can't have a family altar in my home," said a lady to Rev. Ross R. Cribbis, pastor at Oxford, Nova Scotia, Canada. She was the only Christian in her family and she had been saved late in life. The pastor encouraged her to sign the Family Altar Commitment Card and to take it home and pray about it.

She signed the card and left it on the kitchen table. Her husband found it and asked about it. To her surprise, he agreed to join her in family devotions after breakfast each morning.

The pastor was looking over the commitment cards that were turned in on Sunday, March 11. There was one with two names on it. The unsaved husband of this dear lady had also signed his name.

## FOREIGN MISSIONS

GEORGE COULTER, *Secretary*

### Typical Days in Carolina, Transvaal

By IRMA KOFFEL

If you could look outside my windows right now you would think you were in a river house. It is raining torrents with lightning and thunder.

At one-thirty today we went to the location to attend a funeral. I had seen the girl only twice, and had talked to her Friday. On Saturday she died. I went to the funeral with my local preacher, a woman, and the man teacher who is a friend of the family. Just after we arrived a man came to me and asked me to say a few words. Most of the people were strangers to me, and I scarcely knew what to say. But the words of David came to me: "I cannot bring him back, but I can go to him."

I tried to point out the necessity of living daily in readiness to meet our Maker. Death does not wait till old age. There was a large group there, and I trust God will use my few words to draw someone to Him.

Some could not understand why I left the car and walked with the natives to the grave. I was the only European in the group as we followed the body down the streets. Men of all walks of life were in the procession: some well dressed with pressed suits, white shirts, coats, ties, and polished shoes; others in patched, worn clothing, shoes made from old automobile tires; women in the latest Western styles and in the oldest of African attire; some tall and straight, others old, stooped—but all sharing grief together. At the grave the native preacher again asked me to pray, and God helped me to pray a message to those two hundred fifty adults, some of whom have probably never heard that Jesus died to save them. My opportunity was short. I pray God will use the words.

Many asked what church I represented. Many knew, for I have preached on these streets many times.

On the way home I visited a sick European friend. She is failing and will soon be with Jesus, for she is ready to meet Him. Our times of fellowship and prayer together have been blessed.

It had begun to rain and I knew I must leave soon, but read from God's Word and prayed. Her mother cried at the door, and thanked me for my prayers. Yes, people of every race are hungry and needy. How I wish I could be in several places at once—there is much to do! As these and others I have met who do not know God pass out into eternity, I wonder if I have been as faithful as I could have been in my witness. I pray God to make me more effective, to give me more strength and ability to win these people to Him. There are so many who do not know Him! My Afrikaans is not very good, and my Zulu is still not without mistakes, but I pray that His Spirit shall shine out through my life and show the people Jesus.

## Notice

REGARDING CUBAN REFUGEE SUPPLIES: Packages mailed for Cuban refugee work in Miami should be sent to:

Nazarene Refugee Center  
c/o Rev. John Hall  
Nazarene Cuban Center  
2316 West Flagler Street  
Miami, Florida

## New Missionary

Randall Dean Spoon arrived in Guatemala on March 9, 1962.

## New African Ruling on Bandages

A recent letter from Mrs. Kenneth Stark advises that a new ruling is out regarding packages of bandages being received into Swaziland and the Republic of South Africa.

The missionaries will have to pay duty of 35 per cent of the value of new commercial bandages on each package, UNLESS the packages are marked on the customs tags:

UNTREATED BANDAGES  
UNFIT FOR RETAIL SALE  
BANDAGES CUT FROM OLD  
SHEETING

Please—all work groups of the N.E.M.S.—note this new ruling and follow it. Mrs. Stark assures us that they are deeply grateful for the bandages and the used clothing and other parcels, and especially grateful





for the "second mile" that our good folk go at home in providing duty money. They greatly need the bandages, and if you will label the customs tag as advised above they will not have to pay excessive duty to get them.

## FOR CHRISTIAN ACTION

A cancer specialist says that the facts about tobacco and lung cancer have been crystal-clear for at least the past seven years. According to *Advertising Age* (January 29, 1962), Dr. Michael B. Shimkin, one of the senior directors of the National Cancer Institute, Bethesda, Maryland, had this to say about cigarette advertisements: "In fairness to our children the least the [tobacco] industry and our government should do is eliminate some of the shameful appeals from tobacco advertising, such as those that equate smoking with bravery, sexual virility and social status."

Dr. Shimkin further points out that "something like \$150,000,000 is now spent in the U.S. annually on advertising tobacco." He also calls attention to the fact that "tobacco itself and its products are not covered by regulations as either a food or a drug; tobacco seems to be immune to all controls except the immutable taxes."

More than tobacco advertising, however, is misleading. Some time ago, according to *Smoke Signals* (January-March, 1962), the magazine *Cosmopolitan* assigned a team of reputable writers to do an article on environmental causes of cancer.

When the manuscript was completed, the magazine's editors asked the writers to add a statement to the effect that the cigarette-lung-cancer link was discredited. The writers refused.

The article appeared, under a fictitious by-line, with two inserted paragraphs stating, "The cigarette seems all but exonerated" as a cause of lung cancer.

**EARL C. WOLF, Secretary**  
*Committee on Public Morals*

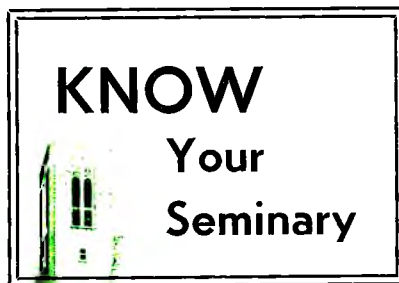
## GENERAL INTERESTS

### New Stewardship Book Coming

*Treasures in Heaven* is the title of

the book written by Dr. M. Lunn for the Christian Service Training Commission. It will be published in the fall of 1962 and used as the text for a denomination-wide study in stewardship February 1 to March 15, 1963.

Dr. M. Lunn retired at the last General Assembly from his position of manager of the Nazarene Publishing House. His outstanding and efficient service as a layman in the Church of the Nazarene makes him well-qualified to write this book.



Nazarene Theological Seminary is endeavoring to provide a useful holiness ministry for the church. One of the basic requirements is a thorough knowledge of the Bible. The faculty are deeply concerned about this and have given special attention to encouraging the students to develop a genuine love for and understanding of the Word of God.

All students who enroll in the seminary are required to take tests in the content of both the Old and New Testaments. The one in Old Testament is given on the day of orientation for the fall semester. If the student is in the lower 75 per cent of those taking the test, he is required to register for a four-hour course in "Content and Message of the Old Testament." A similar procedure is followed with the New Testament in the second semester. The "Content and Message" courses are taught by Dr. Willard Taylor.

In addition, all students are required to take a course in "Old Testament Introduction," taught by Dr. Harvey Finley, and one in "New Testament Introduction," taught by Dr. Ralph Earle. Advance study is also provided in both

## "SHOWERS of BLESSING" Program Schedule

May 13—"The Hem of His Garment," by **Wendell Wellman**

May 20—"The Returning Son," by **Wendell Wellman**

May 27—"Sanctify Them—Who?" by **R. V. DeLong**

June 3—"Sanctify Them—Why?" by **R. V. DeLong**

Old and New Testaments and each student selects twelve additional hours from these courses. All students take at least sixteen credit hours of Bible and three-fourths of them take twenty-four credit hours, out of a total of ninety-three hours that must be completed for graduation.

In the distribution of courses taught during a semester, at least one-third are Bible courses. Of the eight full-time professors, three are teaching wholly Bible courses. Also Dr. W. T. Purkiser teaches one course each semester in the Biblical field.

The Seminary is anxious to turn back to the church a Bible-centered ministry. We believe the inspired Word of God is the most potent and persuasive tool a minister can use to win a decision for Christ.

**LEWIS T. CORLETT**  
*President*

## Old Testament Scholar in Palestine

Dr. Harvey E. Finley, associate professor of Old Testament language and literature at the Nazarene Theological Seminary, is on a sabbatical leave studying at the American School of Oriental Research in Jerusalem-Jordan.

His wife, Mrs. Finley, will join him there on July 1. When he has completed a research project, about August 15, Dr. and Mrs. Finley will visit some places of Biblical interest in the Holy Land.

They will return to Kansas City late this summer and he will take up work at the Seminary in the fall semester. Dr. Finley graduated from Johns Hopkins University, where he earned a doctoral degree in 1957.—N.I.S.

## DISTRICT ACTIVITIES Pasadena College Revival

Pasadena College, Pasadena, California, recently experienced a truly unusual and outstanding revival with General Superintendent Powers as the evangelist. It was considered one of the college's greatest revivals in many years. Dr. Powers was mightily used of God. His messages on holiness were both rich and deep, and his warm spirit was greatly appreciated by both the faculty and the students.

Two things characterized the revival: heart-searching holiness preaching and much intercessory prayer. In one of

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the boys' dormitories a prayer meeting began one night at 9:30 and lasted until 3:00 a.m. During that time many students in the dormitory, as well as others, sought and found God. The night was punctuated frequently by testimonies and shouts of praise from students finding spiritual victory.

This spiritual tide was carried into the last service Friday morning. During the singing of "Amazing Grace," the Holy Spirit took over the service and young people began testifying and others began seeking God. Before Dr. Powers could preach, several hundred persons had come to the altar. The altar and the first five rows of Nazarene Memorial Auditorium were filled with young people seeking God for pardon and heart purity.

The revival continues. To God be the glory!—REPORTER.

## Joplin District Preachers' Meeting

The midyear preachers' meeting of the Joplin District convened in the spacious new church in Parsons, Kansas, March 5 to 7, with District Superintendent Dean Baldwin in charge. Rev. J. R. Smith and his people were excellent hosts.

The presence and blessing of the Holy Spirit were keenly felt from the opening prayer session until the closing commitment service, and the challenge of "Evangelism First" is now more intense among pastors and laymen of the Joplin District.

Dr. Samuel Young, general superintendent, was at his best and his ministry was deeply appreciated by all. His exposition of God's Word added insight and inspiration, and his morning messages were both enlightening and highly interesting to the pastors.

Dr. and Mrs. Jarrette Aycock also contributed to the convention. Dr. Aycock's messages on the subject "If I Were a Pastor" were timely and practical, and touched upon all relationships of the pastoral ministry. His comments drawn from many years as evangelist and district superintendent concerning the close relationship of pastor and evangelist in the task of "Evangelism First" were significant. Mrs. Aycock directed the music, and spoke to the pastors' wives in an afternoon session.

Dr. Roy H. Cantrell, president, presented the aggressive program of progress at Bethany Nazarene College.

District department leaders—Mrs. Dean Baldwin, N.F.M.S. president; Rev. Wendell O. Paris, church schools chairman; and Rev. J. R. Smith, N.Y.P.S. president—reviewed departmental progress for the first six months of the assembly year, and outlined special plans for the remainder of the year.

The Joplin District is enjoying another fruitful year of progress under the excellent leadership of Rev. and Mrs. Dean Baldwin, district superintendent and wife. A contagious spirit of optimism and unity prevails across the district.

Subsequent to the closing commit-

ment service of the convention, Dr. Young remained on the district for three consecutive one-night holiness conventions at Independence, Kansas, and Carthage and Springfield, Missouri. These conventions were well attended, and were a great blessing to the churches serving all six zones on the district.—ROBERT L. LEFFEL, *Reporter*.

## North Arkansas District Preachers' Meeting

The North Arkansas District preachers' meeting convened March 26 to 28 at Springdale, with the newly appointed district superintendent, Rev. Boyd C. Hancock, in charge.

The special workers, Dr. Hugh C. Benner and Dr. Mendell Taylor, were never better, and the attendance was excellent from the first service.

Many folks said they had never attended a better convention—God seemed so near all the time. Time after time the people were blessed as floods of God's glory filled the camp.

The high point of the convention was when Dr. Benner made the first public presentation of the new superintendent, Brother Hancock. God came in a special way, leaving no room in the hearts of any to doubt that this was "His anointed." Unity—that much-needed quality always found in an aggressive and successful program—was so evident that it told all there was no need to seek it; it was already a reality. The district sensed a special tug of divine leadership, for which we are all grateful.

The one shadow was the serious illness of the former superintendent, Rev. J. W. Hendrickson, which made it impossible for him to attend.—FRANK SKULERN, *Reporter*.

## THE LOCAL CHURCHES

Rev. J. A. McNatt writes that he is retiring from the evangelistic field on the advice of his doctor and after much prayer. He has been an evangelist for almost thirty years, and has served five years in the pastorate and seven years as district superintendent. God has blessed this forty-two-year ministry in over one million miles of travel, with more than ninety thousand at the altar of prayer, fifty-two called to preach or to the mission field, and thirty-two new churches organized. Brother McNatt writes: "The church has been good to me. I appreciate what the *Herald of Holiness* has done for the evangelists of our church. I do not know what the tomorrows hold for me and mine, but my hand is in His, and as He leads I will follow. As I return to the hospital for further examination and treatment, I covet your prayers."

Evangelist W. T. White writes that he has two open dates for the summer; July 4 to 15, and August 8 to 19. Write him, 116 E. Keith, Norman, Oklahoma.

Parkersburg, West Virginia—First Church has given to our pastor, Rev. John W. May, a unanimous, four-year,

extended call, the second extended call since he came to us in 1958. Much has been accomplished during these four years: increase in the church membership, in the Sunday school, extensive work on the parsonage, and the debt reduced substantially with the mortgage-burning in view. Under the wonderful leadership of Brother May and his family, First Church looks forward to even greater victories.—GLENN THOMAS, *Secretary*.

Song Evangelist Linda Ruth Pierce writes: "In June, I will be graduating from Peabody College in Nashville, Tennessee, and plan to continue solo singing in the field of evangelism, as the Lord may lead. I am a commissioned song evangelist on the Chicago Central District. Write me, 505 Columbia Avenue, Danville, Illinois."

Hammond, Indiana—Rev. and Mrs. Lyle Potter were the special workers in a recent Sunday school crusade at Hammond First Church. All of the services were honored with the presence of the Holy Spirit, and in each service people prayed at the altar, seeking God's help and blessing. Many of these were teachers, supervisors, and Sunday school workers. About eighty-seven others—adults, teen-agers, and boys and girls—made definite decisions and witnessed to the saving or sanctifying grace of God. We had 350 in Sunday school on Sunday morning. It was the unanimous feeling of the congregation that the Sunday morning service was one of the most touching and soul-stirring services Hammond First Church ever has witnessed.—W. H. ERICKSON, *Pastor*.

Evangelists A. E. and Pauline Miller write: "At this writing [March 31] we are in a meeting in Clarence, Missouri, and God is blessing. We have an open date, June 5 to 17, which we would like to slate between Kansas and Ohio. We carry the whole program—preaching, singing, special music, chalk artistry, and children's work (V.B.S.). Write us, 307 S. Delaware Street, Mount Gilead, Ohio."

Waterloo, Indiana—We thank God for His wonderful blessings upon pastor and people here. Since Rev. and Mrs. Robert L. Scott came as pastors last year, God has been blessing and using them, and souls have been praying through. There is a spirit of unity, which only the Holy Spirit can give. In a wonderful atmosphere, on March 18, the church gave Brother Scott a unanimous recall, then by unanimous vote extended the call for three years. We give all praise to God for His blessings.—WALDO CROWDER, *Secretary*.

Jackson, Mississippi—On March 25, First Church closed one of the greatest revivals in its history, with Evangelist Forrest McCullough as special worker. Thirty-three people pledged an hour in prayer from the close of the night services before going to work the next day. Through prayer and fasting,

faith and works, and a Spirit-anointed ministry, God gave wonderful victories. There were seekers at the altar in response to each invitation given, and one young man was called to preach. Six members were added to the church, four by profession of faith. First Church appreciates the current "Deeper Spiritual Life" program being promoted by Superintendent W. Charles Oliver.—B. W. DOWNING, *Pastor*.

Rev. J. Russell Brown writes: "I am now re-entering the evangelistic field, where I served for a number of years. I shall be glad to slate with our pastors and churches as the Lord may lead. Write me, 1537 S.E. 29th Street, Oklahoma City 29, Oklahoma."

Greenville, Pennsylvania—First Church recently closed one of its finest revivals with Evangelists Alva O. and Gladys Estep as the special workers. Last year's Sunday school average was tripled, and a new record set on the

the field of evangelism. I have served as pastor for two years on the Tennessee District and two years on the Michigan District, and conducted revivals during this time. I am now making up my slate, and shall be glad to come as pastors and churches desire my services, trusting God and the people for the remuneration. Write me, Route 1, Clarksville, Michigan."

Springfield, Missouri—Scenic Drive Church expressed their appreciation for the humble spirit and dynamic leadership of Rev. Thomas H. Gilham with a unanimous recall vote on March 25. On a second ballot, a three-year extension was given. We hope by that time to have a new church building completed. The District Council has chosen Miss Jean Gilham to attend the International Institute in July. We are thankful to all the other pastors and workers for helping our pastor to top the district quota of 400 subscriptions to *Conquest* by a splendid margin.—Reporter.

Cayce, South Carolina—This church, under the leadership of Pastor M. D. Cline, recently experienced the greatest revival of its history, with Dr. Gene Phillips, superintendent of Iowa District, as the evangelist. Under the Spirit-anointed preaching of Dr. Phillips, and the impassioned praying of pastor and consecrated laymen, many people prayed through to victory in the six-day meeting, and six adults were received into church membership at the close of the meeting, with three more the following week. Two extra cottage prayer meetings, besides the regular midweek prayer meeting, were held each week January 1 to March 13, and these prayer meetings are continuing since the revival. Also the men of the church have prayer services each Saturday night, and Sunday morning at six-thirty. On Sunday, March 25, the Holy Spirit came in a remarkable manifestation during the Sunday school hour, and carried over into the morning worship in such a tide of spiritual blessing that the pastor could not preach. The service closed with victory at the altar. Revival fires continue to burn, and pastor and people are encouraged.—Mrs. VERNON V. SHUMPERT, *Secretary*.

Pastor Charles Waters writes from Lenoir City, Tennessee: "I came to the White Wing Church last December and found a dedicated people who love God and are willing to work for Him. From the very beginning a good number of friends attended the services. We began planning and praying for a revival, and in the special services with Evangelist C. B. Fugett, February 26 through March 4, each night our beautiful new sanctuary was filled with people—members and many friends of other denominations. God came in a mighty way, and more than forty people sought God at the altar, praying through for conversion, reclamation, and entire sanctification. A class of new members was added to the church, and we praise God for His blessings."

Warner Robins, Georgia—Recently our church had a wonderful revival with Evangelist Hugh Slater. God came in mighty power and the Holy Spirit dealt with hearts, giving many seekers and happy finders. On the closing Sunday, twelve new members (nine of them adults) were added to the church. We greatly appreciated the convicting and inspiring ministry of Brother Slater. We are enjoying our labors with the fine people here. If you have friends at the Warner Robins Air Force Base, write me (205 Oakview Square), and I'll be glad to render whatever service I can.—GEORGE McRAE, *Pastor*.

Jefferson, Pennsylvania—Last December, Rev. George Anderson came as our pastor. The Andersons' spiritual and energetic leadership has already challenged us to do battle for God, and every department of the work is moving forward. God gave gracious victory to many, and hard cases were reclaimed in our recent revival with Evangelist Wilma Jean Inghand. Her old-fashioned holiness preaching was a blessing to the church. We thank God for His blessings upon us.—Reporter.

Arvada, Colorado—We came to this church last December after nearly five years as pastor of the Westside Church in Pueblo. In March we had a victorious revival with Evangelist Joe Norton. Many of the people said it was one of the best revivals this church has had in more than five years. God blessed and used Brother Norton's ministry in a most gracious way, and we greatly appreciated his fine, second-blessing holiness preaching.—HARLAN V. HEAP, *Pastor*.

## ATTENTION

To meet post office regulations our official address of the Church of the Nazarene has been changed to

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JOHN STOCKTON  
*Treasurer*

closing Sunday morning. The services were well attended, finances came easily, and God gave forty-seven seekers at the altar. The music, colored slides, Scene-o-felt, and Spirit-anointed messages of Brother and Sister Estep were well received, and the church gave them a call to return in '63.—RICHARD E. PHELPS, *Pastor*.

Dayton, Ohio—The Dayton area, comprising twenty-three churches, held their second Holiness Convention, March 6 through 9, at Maryland Avenue Church, with Rev. N. C. McNelly as the host pastor. Dr. L. T. Corlett was the special speaker, with Rev. and Mrs. Leon Cook as singers and musicians. We greatly appreciated the ministry of Dr. Corlett, and the morning services were times of rich blessing, as he spoke on 1 Peter 1:11, "The Dual Pattern." The Cooks were at their best, and lifted the congregations again and again with their spiritual singing. The crowds were splendid. The World Day of Prayer was observed, with emphasis on the relation of prayer and holiness. The Dayton churches are planning for an annual holiness convention.—MARY S. WICKLINE, *Secretary*.

Rev. Earl L. Spowles writes: "I am glad that my life is dedicated to Christ and after much prayer I am entering

## THE BIBLE LESSON

By ARNOLD E. AUBART

Topic for May 13:

**Suffering for Christ's Sake**

SCRIPTURE: 1 Peter 4-5 (Printed: 1 Peter 4:12-19; 5:6-11)

GOLDEN TEXT: *Yet if any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf* (1 Peter 4:16).

Thinking men in all ages have been challenged by the problem of pain and suffering. Philosophical speculation has not resolved the paradox and the mystery, either of this or of the related problems. The Christian revelation presents a suffering God. The crucified Son of God submits no reasoned answer to the problem, but exhibits His triumph over pain, a victory in which we are invited to share by faith.

These passages from 1 Peter, likewise, attempt no reasonings but do what is infinitely better. They first present some *Facts for Faith* to rest upon.

What are the facts? (1) "Christ hath suffered." We are not alone. God is in this with us. There appears in the furnace the form of another "like the Son of God." Hallelujah!

(2) We are "partakers of Christ's sufferings." Moral evil brings anguish



to the heart of a holy God. The people of God identify with Him.

(3) Suffering may be "according to the will of God." In God's will there are safety, strength, purpose, final triumph.

(4) In it all, "he careth for you." How much? Let Calvary answer!

(5) We are called by "the God of all grace, . . . unto his eternal glory . . . after that ye [we] have suffered a while." Our destiny is eternal. "Our light affliction . . . is but for a moment."

(6) God will exalt us "in due time." He "tempers the wind to the shorn lamb." "My Jesus knows just what I need!"

In the light of the facts, here are some *Attitudes for Overcomers*:

(1) "Think it not strange." We must not expect a blanket immunity from human ills. And "the servant is not above his Lord."

(2) "Rejoice," and "do not be ashamed." Even the bitter may be sweet if He is in it with us, and if we are in it with Him.

(3) "Commit the keeping of your souls to him." Take your hands off. Cease to struggle. "Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit."

(4) "Humble yourselves." Proud faultfinding claims that we really deserve better treatment.

(5) "Casting all your care upon him." Worry mars fellowship with Christ and spoils His intention for us. F. B. Meyer says that in this matter "we are either libels or Bibles." If Christ can carry part of the problem, why not *all* our care? In the words of George Herbert, "Put care into Christ's bag!"

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## Deaths

**MAURICE RONALD EVANS**, born April 23, 1941, at Waynesville, North Carolina, died suddenly in an airplane crash near Murfreesboro, Tennessee, on January 6, 1962. He was the son of Rev. and Mrs. Maurice E. Evans of Nashville. He had spent three years in the U.S. Marines, and was released August 25, 1961. He was a special student at Middle Tennessee State College, and was enrolled in the Mid-State Flying School, and had nearly completed his commercial pilot's course. He is survived by a daughter, Terene Joy; his parents; two sisters, Mrs. Haskill Burns and Janet Evans; and a brother, Frank E., all of Nashville.

**MRS. MARY BERTHA JOHNSON** was born July 7, 1877, at Midlothian, Texas, and died March 9, 1962, at Chickasha, Oklahoma. In 1894 she was married to Theophilus Johnson. She was converted at an early age and joined the Church of the Nazarene in 1908 at Cedar Hill, Texas, just a few weeks after the church was founded at Pilot Point. She was a devout Nazarene for over fifty-three years. Her husband died in 1958. She is survived by five sons, two daughters, one brother, and one sister. Funeral service was conducted by her pastor, Rev. James M. Stewart, at Chickasha, with burial in Fairlawn Cemetery, Chickasha, Oklahoma.

**ROSCOE MORRIS**, son of the late James and Martha Warner Morris, was born at Science Hill, Kentucky, September 1, 1908, and died February 24, 1962, at a hospital in Somerset, Kentucky. In 1928 he was united in marriage to Ita Lou Swearingen. He is survived by his wife; two daughters, Mrs. Jo Anne Hilslope and Sharon Morris; one son, Joseph; three brothers, George, Jake, and Brent; and three sisters, Mrs. Mattie Hines, Mrs. Mollie Poe, and Mrs. Della Swearingen. He was converted and became a member of the Science Hill Church of the Nazarene in 1934. He was a faithful member down through the years, serving on the church board for a number of years. He left a beautiful

testimony that he was saved and sanctified. Funeral service was held at the Science Hill church, with Rev. Coolidge Grant and Rev. Sam Dunham officiating; burial was in the Science Hill cemetery.

**GEORGE MITCHELL**, age sixty, died December 21, 1961. He was a member of the Maple Shade Church of the Nazarene, Alma, Arkansas. He is survived by his wife, Grace, and four children, Paul Mitchell, Wanda Baker, Kathryn Cottingham, and Glenda Sue Myers. He had been an invalid for about two years prior to his death, and was very patient in his sufferings. His home-going was victorious. Funeral service was conducted by his pastor, Rev. George Bloodworth.

**BERTHA SMART** was born in Auglaize County, Ohio, July 29, 1877, and died October 24, 1961. She was preceded in death by her mother, father, and a brother, Melvin. She is survived by a sister, Mary Elizabeth Simon, of Fort Wayne, Indiana. She was gloriously converted in 1906, sanctified in 1910, and that year began her life service for the Lord in rescue work at the Friends Rescue Home in Columbus, Ohio. In 1914 she moved to Portsmouth and began her work at the Hopedale Rescue Home, where she labored faithfully for more than thirty years. The last four months of her life were spent in the Mounts Nursing Home in New Boston. She was a charter member of the Church of the Nazarene in New Boston, Ohio. Funeral Service was conducted by Rev. Dale Frueling, assisted by Rev. Richard Humble and Rev. G. C. Johnson, with burial in the New Salem Cemetery near Spencerville, Ohio.

**KATE V. KEENE** was born May 3, 1880, in Weir, Mississippi, and died January 9, 1962. She came to Crowley, Louisiana, in 1908, and resided in the Ellis Community most of the time; she lived for a while in Sulphur and Baton Rouge. She was a charter member of the Ellis Church of the Nazarene, which began in 1913. At the time of her death she was residing in the Morgan's Nursing Home in Crowley. She is survived by a sister, Mrs. S. R. Henderson; and a brother, H. L. Keene. Funeral service was conducted by Rev. M. D. Hewitt, pastor of the Ellis church.

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Northeast Oklahoma	June 20 and 21
Albany	June 27 and 28
Eastern Michigan	July 11 and 12
Central Ohio	July 18 to 20
East Tennessee	July 26 and 27
Akron	August 1 and 2
Dallas	August 8 and 9
Kansas City	August 29 and 30
South Arkansas	September 19 and 20

<b>G. B. WILLIAMSON:</b>	
Northwest	May 16 and 17
Canada Pacific	May 24 and 25
Alaska	May 31 and June 1
Canada Atlantic	June 21 and 22
Canada Central	June 28 and 29
Canada West	July 5 and 6
Northeastern Indiana	July 11 to 13
Chicago Central	July 18 and 19
Kentucky	August 8 and 9
Houston	August 22 and 23
South Carolina	September 12 and 13
Southwest Oklahoma	September 19 and 20
New York	September 28 and 29

<b>SAMUEL YOUNG:</b>	
Los Angeles	May 16 to 18
New England	June 20 and 21
Maine	June 27 and 28
Southwestern Ohio	July 4 and 5
Oregon Pacific	July 18 to 20
Northwest Oklahoma	July 25 and 26
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Indianapolis	August 22 and 23
Louisiana	August 29 and 30
North Carolina	September 19 and 20

<b>D. I. VANDERPOOL:</b>	
Southern California	May 23 and 24
South Dakota	June 20 and 21
North Dakota	June 28 and 29
West Virginia	July 5 to 7
Northwestern Ohio	July 11 and 12
Gulf Central	July 13 and 14
Virginia	August 9 and 10
Missouri	August 15 and 16
Northwest Indiana	August 23 and 24

<b>HUGH C. BENNER:</b>	
Arizona	May 24 and 25
New Mexico	May 30 and 31
Rocky Mountain	June 7 and 8
Minnesota	July 13 and 14

Colorado	July 19 and 20
Eastern Kentucky	July 25 and 26
Wisconsin	August 9 and 10
Northwestern Illinois	August 16 and 17
Tennessee	August 22 and 23
Southeast Oklahoma	September 5 and 6
North Arkansas	September 26 and 27

<b>V. H. LEWIS:</b>	
Florida	May 14 and 15
Alabama	May 23 and 24
Nevada-Utah	June 13 and 14
Nebraska	June 28 and 29
Michigan	July 11 and 12
Pittsburgh	July 18 to 20
Illinois	July 25 to 27
Kansas	August 1 to 3
Southwest Indiana	August 9 and 10
Georgia	September 12 and 13
Joplin	September 20 and 21

## District Assembly Information

**FLORIDA**, May 14 and 15, at Convention Auditorium, 100 Tenth Street West, Bradenton, Florida. Rev. Don Freese, 1204 43rd Street W., pastor. General Superintendent Lewis. (N.Y.P.S. convention, May 12; N.F.M.S. convention, May 12; S.S. convention, May 12.)

**NORTHWEST**, May 16 and 17, at First Church, Clinton and Alder Sts., Walla Walla, Washington. Rev. D. R. Peterman, pastor. General Superintendent Williamson. (N.F.M.S. convention, May 14.)

**LOS ANGELES**, May 16 to 18, at First Church, 2495 E. Mountain St., Pasadena, California. Rev. J. W. Ellis, pastor. General Superintendent Young. (N.F.M.S. convention, May 15.)

**ALABAMA**, May 23 and 24, at First Church, 600 E. Tombigbee St., Florence, Alabama. Rev. Ed. Phillips, pastor. General Superintendent Lewis. (N.F.M.S. convention, May 21; Sunday school convention, May 21.)

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**, May 23 to 25, at the Memorial Auditorium, Seventh and Lemon St., Riverside, California. Rev. Bill Burch, 5475 Arlington Ave., and Rev. Arnold Carlson, 3366 Third St., pastors. General Superintendent Vanderpool. (N.F.M.S. convention, May 22.)

**ARIZONA**, May 24 and 25, at First Church, 10th St. and Highland Ave., Tucson, Arizona. Rev. Myron C. Morford, pastor. General Superintendent Benner. (N.F.M.S. convention, May 23; S.S. convention, May 22.)

**CANADA PACIFIC**, May 24 and 25, at First Church, 998 East 19th Ave., Vancouver 10, B.C., Canada. Rev. George MacDonald, pastor. General Superintendent Williamson. (S.S. convention, May 22; N.F.M.S. convention, May 23; N.Y.P.S. convention, May 26.)

## Announcements

### RECOMMENDATIONS

This is to recommend Mr. Charles Paul, commissioned song evangelist of our district. Brother Paul is excellent in the direction of choir and congregational singing, and has a lovely solo voice. God has blessed his labors in this field. Our people will appreciate his spirit and his contribution to the field of evangelism. Address him, Route 5, Cookeville, Tennessee.—Glen Jones, Superintendent of Southeast Oklahoma District.

Rev. Ronald Clark has pastored two churches in Iowa and is now entering the evangelistic work. He is a very excellent preacher and had held revivals previous to taking a pastorate. He feels definitely called to the field of evangelism, and carries a burden for souls. He will be happy to go wherever he can be of assistance in this work. His address now is 135 Shannon Avenue, West Carlton, Ohio.—Gene E. Phillips, Superintendent of Iowa District.

This is to recommend to our people Rev. Hilar Custer, who is entering the field of evangelism. He is an able preacher of the Word and carries a burden for souls. His address is 126½ W. Fayette Street, Celina, Ohio.—Carl B. Clendenen, Superintendent of Northwestern Ohio District.

### BORN

to Clifford and Thelma Allen of Titusville, Florida, a daughter, Denise Kaye, on March 6.

### SPECIAL PRAYER IS REQUESTED

—by a Christian friend in California "that I may be drawn closer to God and be filled with the Holy Spirit, also that my eyes may be healed—one eye is completely gone";

—by a Christian brother in Ohio "that our church may have a great revival, and that a problem in connection with my ministry be solved";

—by a friend in Kansas for a "real, urgent, unspoken request . . . my heart is just crushed";

—by a reader in Oklahoma whose wife recently divorced him, that God may touch her mind and heart and they may have a reconciliation.

### Senior Citizens Wanted in Peace Corps

Don't envy youth its opportunities. If you are thinking of retirement, and have a usable vocational skill, if you are physically fit and have a willingness to share your skill with those living in one of the countries of Africa; the Near, Middle, or Far East; or in Latin America—then the Peace Corps would welcome your application. Already nine persons in the 60-70 age-group and eight in the 50-60 year bracket have been assigned to overseas projects by Peace Corps.

Prior to next September some 4,000 more Peace Corps Volunteers will be assigned to various projects in thirty different countries overseas. These will serve as (1) teachers—on the elementary secondary and collegiate levels—in most of the liberal arts and vocational subjects; (2) health officers—doctors, registered and practical nurses, sanitarians, well drillers, plumbers, malaria and pest control, etc.; and (3) community development workers—agriculturalists and practical farmers, road builders, house and school construction, auto and diesel mechanics, electricians, social workers, 4-H, co-ops, etc. It is hoped that many of the above overseas positions may be filled from our "senior citizen" groups. Married couples are acceptable only if both husband and wife possess a usable skill and have no minor dependents. For further information or a Volunteer Questionnaire, write to Peace Corps, Senior Manpower Recruitment, Washington 25, D.C.

### Cautions Churches Against "Architectural Vaudeville"

CLEVELAND, OHIO (EP)—The dean of Harvard Divinity School has warned against "architectural vaudeville" in the nation's churches.

Much of what is wrong with church architecture, said Dr. Samuel H. Miller, is due to contemporary confusion both in faith and in the arts.

"There is such a jumble of forces from tradition and revolution that everything man does tends to oscillate between imitations of the past or novelties which brashly deny it," he declared.

Addressing the National Conference on Church Architecture, Dr. Miller advocated a style of church architecture which would create a sense of wonder.

A church, Dr. Miller said, should be a space set aside for sacred purposes, framed so as to "release its inner meaning and make us see its powerful, awesome, healing beauty."

## the *A*nswer corner

Conducted by W. T. PURKISER, Editor

**On the Day of Pentecost, was the miracle of tongues one of speaking or hearing? I was always taught it was in speaking, as everyone heard in his native language. Recently it was explained as hearing. It was claimed that Peter's sermon was heard in their native tongue, while I claimed it was heard in Peter's own language.**

Actually, both interpretations have been given, and both may be possible. Personally, I would take the view you state you have always heard. It seems to me quite clear that the miracle was a miracle of speaking. The fact is, verse 4 says that they began "to *speake* with other [the Greek *heterais* means foreign] languages" and not that the people began to *hear* in other languages.

The amazement of the crowds is described in verse 6 and is explained on the basis that each man heard them *speake* in his own language, and

the sixteen lingual groups are then named. What they heard was about "the wonderful works of God," and not necessarily the speech of Peter. It is quite possible that Peter spoke in Greek, which would be understood by the majority of a crowd in any Mediterranean city. Peter's speech was an explanation that what had been seen and heard was the fulfillment of Joel's prophecy that the pouring forth of the Spirit in the last days is for "all flesh," every nationality and language-group.

**The Bible says, "God is a Spirit." Is He just that or does He have a body like man? There are so many references to make me believe He is man, though holy and divine, as His Son.**

You are probably confused by what are known as the "anthropomorphic" expressions of the Bible—that is, references to God's hand, feet, back, voice, breath, and so forth. You must remember that all these are ways of describing what God does in terms we limited and finite human beings can understand. But you must not attempt to literalize these descriptions, for the Scriptures also say that God roars like a lion (Hosea 11:10), and covers His people with His feathers and wings

(Psalms 91:4).

No, Jesus was expressing the most important fact we can know about the nature of God when He said, "God is a Spirit" (John 4:24). Paul says, "In him we live, and move, and have our being" (Acts 17:28); and, "Now the Lord is that Spirit" (II Corinthians 3:17). If it doesn't seem to make sense to you, just mark it down as one of the things you will understand when the veil is lifted (I Corinthians 13:12).

**What was the fruit Eve gave Adam to eat? Was it an apple? Did it have anything to do with the sex life?**

There is no warrant for identifying the fruit as an apple. The Bible describes it as the fruit "of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil."

E. F. Kevan says concerning this tree and the tree of life: "These trees need not be regarded as mysterious or as possessing any physical or material power of conveying life and knowledge. Their place here is as symbols of spiritual realities. The tree of the knowledge of good and evil provided a test of man's loyalty and obedience to the will of his Maker. The meaning may simply be that the presence of this prohibited tree made man aware of the distinction between good and evil. But there would seem to be something more in it than this, especially in the light of iii.22. ('And the Lord God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and

evil.') It may therefore be that, by the ethical test imposed through this forbidden tree, man was to grow into moral maturity: he would acquire an experiential knowledge of good or evil according as he was steadfast in obedience or fell away into disobedience" (*New Bible Commentary*, edited by Francis Davidson).

As to the tree having anything to do with the sex life, this is an inference drawn from the fact Adam and Eve became self-conscious and clothed themselves after they had sinned. But it is just as possible that the sin and the spiritual death it brought were the cause of the shame, rather than the nature of the fruit. As a matter of fact, Genesis 2:24-25 shows that marriage as a divine institution had been originated before the Fall.

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A mother is always capable of smiling despite illness, lack of sleep, and worn dresses; whispering prayers, encouragement, and love; smoothing difficult situations, ruffled feelings, and fevered brows; answering the telephone, the doorbell, and arithmetic problems; hiding her keen disappointments, her longings, and Christmas presents; weeping in sorrow, in joy, and over a sick kitten; delivering food to the needy, children to school, and Father to work; loving animals, books, and all humanity; snatching moments to write poetry, paint pictures, and memorize scripture.

A mother is never too busy to bake one more cake, plan a party, or listen to a glowing recital of the teen-ager's last date; she is never too tired to sing a duet, count time for a recital piece, or advise someone in need of help; she is never too

# *The Meaning of a* Mother

By RUTH VAUGHN

A MOTHER is God's greatest creation! She is the sculptor of immortality, the artist of eternity, the keeper of everlasting destinies.

A mother spends her life mothering neighbors, cats, and children; patching jeans, curtains, and broken hearts; cooking corn bread, oatmeal, and hot dogs; supervising the ironing, floor waxing, and shoe shining; teaching goodness, obedience, and the multiplication table.

She fills each moment with creating small dresses from large ones, stew from nothing, and curtains from worn sheets; training voices, animals, and babies; directing piano practice, lesson study, and Junior's *A-B-C's*; counting sheets, children, and calories; rolling cupcakes in coconut, dough into piecrust, and stringy hair into golden curls.

A mother is always available for pushing red wagons, rope swings, and everyone's spirit; moderating in times of anger, strife, and scratching; illustrating Bible stories, chapters, and the love of God; running to clean the kitchen, rescue the baby, and play "Red Rover"; making chocolate pies, tucks, ruffles, and peace; mending socks, songbooks, and shattered dreams; molding clay, gelatin, and young lives; feeding prim little girls, mischievous little boys, innumerable puppies.

rushed to smile as she mops the floor, bake some cookies for Cub Scouts, or fix a midnight snack; she is never too exasperated to tease about forgotten costumes for a rehearsal, grin when plans fall through, or make a joke of the situation when company comes and the cupboard is bare.

A mother can be found doing everything: changing diapers, reading stories, baking cakes, dissolving aspirins, camouflaging onions, gingerly accepting the gift of a wriggly worm, playing ball, attending the P.T.A., picking up toys, teaching a course on "How to Tell Time," singing lullabies, and spanking naughty children.

A mother likes white sheets, washed dishes, and clean ears; she never spares tenderness, understanding, or the rod; she never fails to wipe runny noses, rub cold feet, or kiss good night. A mother can always be counted on for laughter, gentleness, discipline, firmness, and love.

A mother loves beauty, God, and the Bible. She teaches daily by precept and example the wonder of salvation, the truth of God's Word, and the meaning of true love. A mother is God's greatest explanation of His love. At Sunday school, at home, at play, she gives to her children the best introduction to God.